

Thousands of Vietnam casualties
COUNTRYSIDE IN CHAOS AS
AGNEW DUE IN SAIGON

SAIGON (AP). — Hundreds more dead and wounded by the thousands in the Vietnam peace talks, bringing swift diplomatic intervention.
week-long land grabbing effort.
diplomatic bickering between Communist Vietnamese and the South Vietnamese government.
in chaos from the demilitarized zone to the Mekong delta on the eve of arrival of U.S. Vice-President T. Agnew.

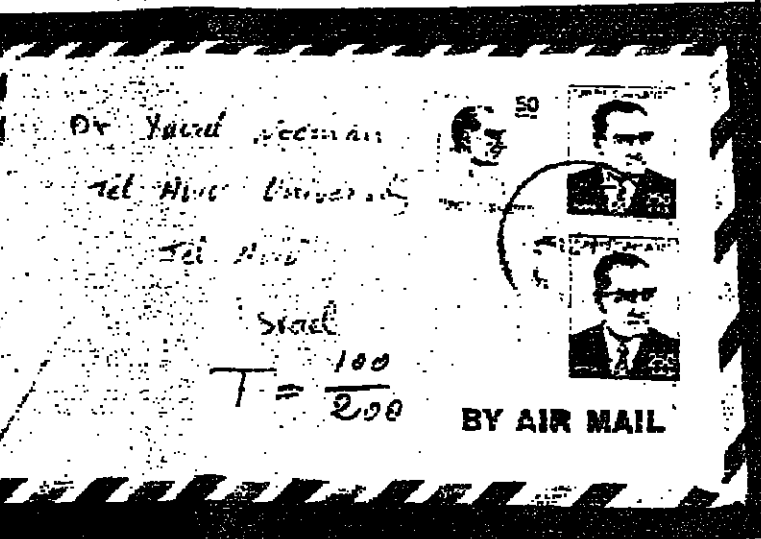
Soviets warn against outside interference

SOVIET (Reuters). — The Soviet Union warned yesterday against any outside interference in the Vietnam peace talks, which now follows the signing of a ceasefire.
countries were named, but others here presumed the Soviet meant referred equally to China and non-Communist states.

20 years' jail for drug smuggler

NEW YORK (AP). — Auguste Joseph Ricard, a Frenchman from Assunção, Paraguay, was sentenced yesterday to a maximum of 20 years' jail and a \$25,000 fine in a U.S. court, where the prosecution described him as the "biggest narcotics trafficker ever brought to justice in the U.S."

Eight letter-bombs from Turkey found

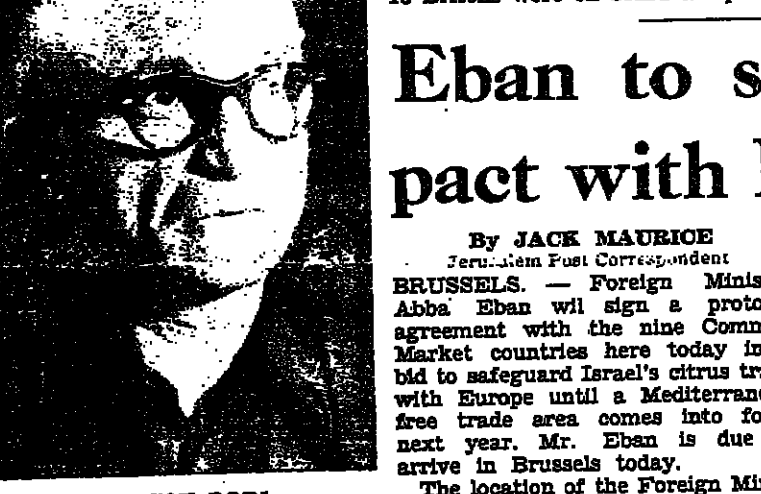


Letter-bomb addressed to Dr. Yuval Ne'eman, president of Tel Aviv University, one of eight sent from Turkey which have been discovered here.

Jerusalem Post Staff. Eight letter-bombs were detected in post offices in Tel Aviv and the north of the country yesterday. The letters, weighing about 70 grams, were enclosed in normal airmail envelopes colored white or pink and size 9 by 15 cms.

38 die in Egyptian plane crash in Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP). — An Egyptian airliner Ilyushin-18 Soviet-made jet crashed and burned in the Kyrenia mountains of North Cyprus yesterday evening, killing all 38 passengers and crew aboard.



Ya'acov Dori, first Chief of Staff, dies

Jerusalem Post Staff. — Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, the first Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces and a former President of the Technion, died here yesterday after a long illness. He was 73.

Hussein may go to Cairo next week

JORDAN, EGYPT AND SYRIA SEEN RESUMING RELATIONS

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Jordan's diplomatic relations with Egypt and Syria are expected to be resumed within a few days after Sunday night's announcement that the three countries had joined in a unified Arab military command under Egypt's War Minister and Commander in Chief, Gen. Ahmed Ismail.

Eban to sign customs pact with E.E.C. today

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent. BRUSSELS. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban will sign a protocol agreement with the nine Common Market countries here today in a bid to safeguard Israel's citrus trade with Europe until a Mediterranean free trade area comes into force next year.

Can't change situation by force — Allon

Jerusalem Post Reporter. No Arab country should delude itself that by appointing an overall general to command all the Arab armies it can change the situation in the Middle East by force, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon told an Israel Bonds Organization dinner last night.

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The Technion family deeply mourns the death of
Rav-Aluf YA'ACOV DORI
former president of the Technion and founder and builder of Technion City,
First Chief of Staff, Israel Defence Forces, and architect of the Hagana,
and extends its condolences to the bereaved family.
Funeral arrangements — The coffin will lie in state on Wednesday, January 31, at the Winston Churchill Auditorium, Technion City, Haifa, from 11 a.m.
The funeral procession will leave Technion City at 2 p.m. and will proceed to the Haifa Military Cemetery. The route of the funeral procession will be as follows: Hankin, Ruppin, Moris, Sea Road and King Saul Streets.
Participants in the funeral will not be able to use their cars. Buses will be available from Technion City and back.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hazy with southerly wind. Local sandstorms expected in the Negev and Sinai.

Weather synopsis: A deep low over Greece and Libya slowly moving eastward. Low humidity.

Jerusalem	29	8-14	9-16
Golan	41	2-11	3-13
Nahariya	32	6-11	7-13
Safed	32	6-11	7-13
Haifa	33	9-19	10-20
Tiberias	50	16-20	17-21
Nesher	44	16-20	17-21
Afula	44	16-20	17-21
Shomron	26	8-16	9-18
Tel Aviv	27	8-16	9-18
Jericho	33	8-16	9-18
Be'er Sheva	23	7-19	8-21
Eilat	21	7-24	8-26
Toran	16	7-24	8-26

Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday received 60 pupils of 11th and 12th grades who are spending the day at the Knesset as part of a parliamentary study project, organized by the Knesset in connection with its 24th anniversary celebrations.

The Australian Ambassador and Mrs. F.R. Darlymple, yesterday visited the Hebrew University and were received by the president, Mr. Avraham Harman.

The Haifa City Council last night paid tribute to 24 veteran residents of the city by naming them Freeman of Haifa. They are Mr. Shalom Bahat, Mr. Shlomo Bein, Dr. David Even Pina, Mr. Moshe Glickin, Mr. Avraham Halton, Mr. Yehuda Katran, Prof. Julius Kleeberg, Mr. Yosef Kuschin, Mr. Aharon Lindenstrasse, Mrs. Deborah Mendelsohn, Mr. Baruch Miller, Mr. Yosef Nussbaum, Mr. Aaron Rosenfeld, Mr. Yeheskel Sand, Mrs. Katherine Senesh, Mr. Uriel Shalom, Dr. Pauline Shapiro, Mr. Yitzhak Shapiro, Mr. Shlomo Shehadeh, Mr. Shimon Shimon, Mr. Zvi Shual, Mr. Yona Tamir, Mr. Zeev Weitsch and Mr. Mordechai Zehavi.

Prof. Dov Sadan will lecture (in Hebrew) tonight at 6.15 at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Jabotinsky, Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem.

Dr. Meron Medzini will speak on the significance of the Vietnam cease-fire agreement at this Friday's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper, 8.30 p.m. at Beit Ha'am. Mr. Shaul Menasse of the Broadcasting Authority will discuss the eastern front and Syrian provocation; and Attorney Tuvia Goldman, the Tora "Portion of the Week."

A concert by the Yuval Trio and soprano Adi Elion will be held for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis League at the Jerusalem Theatre on March 28. This is in place of the concert that was to have been held tomorrow night.

BIRTH
HYMAN. — To Shoshana and Benji, a son, January 25, 1973, in London.

BIRTH
HARMAN. — To Dorothy and David, a son, on January 25, 1973.

OBITUARY
The funeral of Rivka Schechter was held yesterday at Moshe Hivat Zion in Emek Hefer. She is survived by her husband, a daughter and two sons, one of whom is Yitzhak Oded of The Jerusalem Post Tel Aviv bureau.

IN MEMORIAM
A memorial meeting to mark the shloshim after the death of E.Z. Goldberg, writer and journalist, will be held at Beit Shalom-Alchem in Tel Aviv at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 1.

Seasonal sale starts at Rosenblum. Dresses, suits and coats by Aled, Eged Or, Gideon berson, Jerry Melits and others. Large selection at reduced prices. Place de France (opp. Kings Hotel) and King David Annex, Jerusalem. (Advt.)

ARRIVALS

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, from a 14-day visit to South Africa, where he spoke for the South African Zionist Federation and met with Government officials and Members of Parliament.

Mrs. Neri Bloomfield, national president of Hadassah-Wizo of Canada; Mrs. Catalina Epstein, president of the Wizo Federation of Argentina; Mrs. Ellen Dorian, president of the Wizo Federation of France; and Mrs. Fleps van Ende, president of the Wizo Federation of Holland, to attend the World Wizo plenary session.

Ben C. Miller, national vice-president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of Canada, for the Jewish Agency Assembly and the Zionist General Council meetings.

All our support and appreciation to **Rabbi Zvi Neriya, M.K.**, for his fight to prevent cruelty to animals in Israel.

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Some of the Kiryat Haim West ma'abara dwellers demonstrating yesterday outside Haifa City Hall. The sign reads: "We live in ma'abarot that resemble graves filled with sand and rubbish heaps." (I.P.F.A.)

Haifa urban renewal dispute

Shikmona chief fired 'in favour of Mayor's crony'

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The dismissed manager of the Shikmona slum clearance company — jointly controlled by the Municipality and the Housing Ministry — has accused the Board of Directors of ousting him to make room for "an old crony" of Mayor Moshe Fleiman and other City Hall officials.

The dismissal of Zvi Balsar, a 26-year-old Defence Ministry official, on unpaid leave, has also angered the residents of the Kiryat Haim West ma'abara, who staged a demonstration at City Hall yesterday for the second consecutive day. They claim Mr. Balsar's dismissal was connected to the Municipality's reneging on housing promises made last May. "We trusted Mr. Balsar," a spokesman for the demonstrators told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Mr. Balsar told The Post his dismissal came five months after he was selected for the job in an open tender. He said the Board of Directors of Shikmona gave him no reason for his discharge. But, he added, he had solid reason to believe he was fired to make room for Yehuda Boneh, 60, a retired police officer and a close friend of Mayor Fleiman and City Hall officials.

"The Board members offered me — as a consolation prize — the post of deputy manager," Mr. Balsar said. "I turned it down." He said that when he told the Board he regarded its move as a plot to bring in "an old crony" of theirs, "no one contradicted me."

New Spanish weekly
"Semana," a new illustrated Spanish weekly edited by Moshe Porat and Simon Hoter makes its first appearance in Israel today. It is produced by an independent publication company headed by Salomon Levinsky of Jerusalem.

The 16-page paper is designed to give Spanish-speaking readers, especially new immigrants, information on life in Israel and Latin America. A special eight-page edition will be air-mailed directly to Latin America.

The weekly is printed on the web-offset press of the Palestine Post Ltd., publishers of The Jerusalem Post.

YA'ACOV DORI

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one of those ordered by the leaders of the Yishuv to remain in the British Army in order to gain further military experience. However he and other Jewish officers and N.C.O.s were discharged for their part in the defence of the Jewish community in Tel Aviv and Jaffa during the Arab riots of 1921.

Dori then studied engineering at the Technological Institute in Ghent, Belgium, staying an additional two years to gain practical experience in Belgian factories.

On his return, in 1926, he was appointed director of the Jewish Agency's Technical Department and was charged with the establishment of new settlements. He became increasingly active in the Hagana, which was then being organized into military units, and in 1929 was appointed commander of the Haifa area. From the early 1930s he devoted himself entirely to Hagana affairs, and became head of the Hagana national training bureau when this section was formed.

Two years later, the Jewish Agency called him to take charge of military matters for the whole country. At the outbreak of World War II, in 1939, the Hagana general staff was formed, and Dori (whose underground name was "Dan") was appointed its chief. In 1946 he was sent to the U.S. on a Hagana purchasing mission but resumed his post on his return in 1947.

When the State was established and the Hagana became the Israel Defence Forces, Dori became its first Chief of Staff. He was one of those who helped transform the Hagana from an underground into a modern army which successfully defended Israel in the War of Independence.

For health reasons he retired from the army in 1950, with the permanent rank of Rav-Aluf conferred on him by the Knesset. Then Prime Minister Ben-Gurion appointed him to the Scientific Department attached to the Prime Minister's Office. He served in this post until 1953.

From 1951 to 1965 he served as President of the Technion. Under his direction the government set aside a 1,200-dunam area on Mount Carmel for Technion City. It grew into a large technological university, with the addition of new departments and an increase in the student body from 2,000 in 1951 to 15,000 in 1965.

In 1965, Dori retired from the presidency and served as a member of the Board of Governors.

From then until 1969 he served on the Haifa City Council and as Deputy Mayor, representing the Ra'i list.

Dori received awards and titles from Italy and France, Brandeis University, the Technion and from the City Council of Haifa, which made him a Freeman of the town.

One of Ya'acov Dori's sons, Tati-Aluf Yerahmiel Dori, recently left the army after serving as chief engineer. The other son, Zvi, is a staff member of the Technion Department of Chemistry. His daughter, Eytana, is a scientist.

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Eban sees Red Cross head

GENEVA. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday met with leaders of the International Red Cross and the World Council of Churches for what he said was a wide range of discussion of Middle East problems.

At a subsequent news conference, the Minister reiterated that Israel hopes that the Vietnam peace accord could improve the climate for new efforts toward a Middle East settlement because it proved the "crucial importance of dialogue."

In an hour-long talk with President Marcel Naville of the International Red Cross, Mr. Eban raised the subject of a possible exchange of 13 Israeli prisoners held in Egypt and Syria against some 100 Arabs held in Israeli camps.

He declined to reveal details of his discussions but said he considered them "satisfying." A brief Red Cross communiqué said the talks centred on "humanitarian problems" in the Middle East. Red Cross and the World Council of Churches also to have pointed to

the problem of some 2,600 civilian internees in Israel.

Red Cross sources noted that efforts to arrange for an exchange of prisoners have been going on for some time. They said the prisoners included on both sides sick men eligible for immediate repatriation under the Geneva Conventions.

Immediately after his arrival here yesterday, Mr. Eban met with the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Philip Potter, a West Indian.

After his meeting with Mr. Eban, Dr. Potter said they had discussed "a whole range of human questions concerning the situation of Arab refugees in Israel-administered territories and what the Israel government was doing for them." Dr. Potter declined to be more specific, but added in answer to questions from reporters that the question of the territories was "not such a problem as far as we are concerned, because we put emphasis more on people than places." (AP, Reuters)

Eban and E.E.C.

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Eban will be the guest at lunch of the E.E.C. Commission. He will also have talks with the new Belgian Foreign Minister, Renaat Eysland, current chairman of E.E.C.'s Council of Ministers, Commission President Ortolu, Commissioner for External Affairs, Sir Christopher Soames, and Commissioner for Developing Countries Jean-Francois Deniau.

Backed by France, which is eager to bring Spain into the Common Market as a full-fledged member, negotiations are scheduled to start soon on creating a Mediterranean free trade area before the end of 1973.

The protocol to be signed between Israel and the E.E.C. — like that signed by the E.E.C. and Spain yesterday — provides for free trade in all industrial goods and in a substantial range of farm produce. Another proviso is for technical co-operation in conformity with the rules of GATT.

No date has yet been set for the start of the free trade negotiations. But the E.E.C.'s Council of Ministers is due to meet on March 5 and 6 to discuss proposals on this issue by working parties and the Nine's permanent representatives. If the ministers approve these proposals and give a mandate to the Commission, negotiations could start before Easter.

Mr. Eban will be accompanied to the signing ceremony at Val Duchesse by the Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Shimon Amir, Ambassador Moshe Alon, Deputy head of mission Yacov Cohen and the Minister's private secretary, Rytan Ben-Taur.

Mr. Eban will make an appearance on Belgian Television's French language service while here, but, for security reasons, he is unlikely to address a press conference.

If the Common Market keeps its word and produces a global Mediterranean free trade agreement by January 1974, Israel will not need to renegotiate its current five-year preferential trade pact with the Community. Negotiations to revise this agreement would normally begin in April 1974, 18 months before its expiry date.

Ahdut to quit election HQ if Mapai man stays on

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Tel Aviv. — The Ahdut Ha'avoda wing of the Labour Party is threatening to boycott the party's election campaign committee if Avraham Ofer, M.K., remains as its chairman. The Ahdut Ha'avoda group, like ex-Ra'i, charges that the ex-Mapai "Gush" imposed Mr. Ofer's appointment on them.

(The election committee was to have been composed of Mr. Ofer, Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin, and the two deputy secretaries Avraham Geylber for Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mordechai Surkiss for the ex-Ra'i group. Mr. Surkiss has already resigned in protest over Mr. Ofer's nomination.)

Various well-placed sources in the Labour Party last night predicted

that the tough opposition which the Ofer nomination has encountered was likely to bring the "Gush" to some rethinking. It was entirely possible that another ex-Mapai personality would be chosen instead, and such names are being mentioned as Coalition Executive chairman Moshe Baran, Commerce and Industry Minister Eitam Bar-Lev, Labour Minister Yosef Almog, and Ambassador to Washington Yitzhak Rabin.

Other Party sources believed it was likely that the eventual way out would be for Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir personally to head the election campaign with Mr. Ofer being downgraded to the technical management. (This was the hierarchy in the 1969 elections.)

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A Memorial Service and Tombstone unveiling will be held at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem, on Thursday, February 1, 1973 at 3.30 p.m.

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LEO STOPPER

The funeral will set out today, Tuesday, January 30, 1973, at 2 p.m. from the Sanhedriya funeral parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

The bereaved family



"PURSUITS OF YOUTH," one of 390 graphic works by Picasso now at the Israel Museum. Half the collection goes on tonight. One-fifth of all the graphic works (lithographs, etchings and woodcuts) of the 91-year-old master are now in the Museum's collection.

U.S. investor: Cancel tax on business trips

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israeli travel tax on business trips should be eliminated or drastically reduced, Victor Carter, the American investor, said last night.

Speaking with economic reporters in the Capital, Mr. Carter said: "I think the tax is too high and is curtailing the development of business here."

The press conference was called at the end of a day of deliberations by the World Presidium of the Economic Conference. Yesterday's meeting was called to plan the Third Prime Minister's Economic Conference, which opens in Jerusalem on May 27.

The Economic Conference is a permanent organization of foreign and Israeli businessmen interested in expanding capital investment in this country's industry. The organization came into being after the First Prime Minister's Conference, convened by the late Levi Eshkol in April 1968. A second meeting was held in 1969.

Mr. Carter, who is chairman of the American Council of the Conference, also called for higher and more uniform standards of quality control in Israeli manufacturing and more reasonable taxation on manufacturing equipment imported into the country.

Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, said 1,000 delegates will attend the May conference, about half of them from the U.S. The theme of the business sessions will be: How to help Israel's industry reach its goal of doubling production — and exports — every five years.

Mr. Agmon said he expected the subject of Israel's relations with the

expanded Common Market in high on the agenda of the conference, adding, "Half of our trade — imports and exports — with the nine countries that constitute the E.E.C."

Francis Pereira, chairman of Conference's West European Council, reported Israel's imports to France grew from 325m. francs in 1967 to 544m. in 1971, while exports to that country increased at a greater rate — from 109m. francs in 1967 to 280m. in 1971.

Other foreign leaders of the conference who attended yesterday's Presidium meeting were Sir Stuart Warburg and Derrick Kleesma, Britain; Oscar Van Lee, Netherlands; Benny Weinstein, South Africa; Ray Wolfe of Canada; and Isidore Magit of Australia.

8-year-old boy killed by car in Gan Yavne

An eight-year-old boy, Eli Yosef Hassan of Gan Yavne, yesterday morning after being hit by a jeep as he was crossing the main road in the village. The boy was rushed to Kaplan Hospital, Rehovot, but died shortly after being admitted.

Three persons were lightly hurt in a seven-car pile-up on the same road yesterday. The vehicles were badly damaged.

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ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF OUR BELOVED

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A Memorial Meeting will be held at his graveside on Thursday, February 1, 1973 at 3 p.m.

Friends will meet at the entrance to the Kfar Samir Cemetery.

WIFE and FAMILY

LABOUR CTTEE RULES: Job surplus should be used to end hidden unemployment

By ASHEE WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Labour Committee ruled yesterday that, while the economy is suffering from a surplus of jobs chasing a dearth of workers, the degree of concealed unemployment — especially in the public services — is still considerable. (Concealed unemployment is a term used when workers are paid salaries for jobs which do not really exist.)

The Committee ruled that no time is better than the present to end concealed unemployment without causing the workers suffering or upsetting the services. The "unemployed" workers could be transferred to other jobs, while taking all the rights (pension and seniority) which they have amassed for.

The Committee, which devoted six sessions to analyzing the country's manpower shortage and heard verbatim and academic experts, issued a series of recommendations.

more attention to the 23,000 teenagers who neither work nor study, to train them for employment; more part-time jobs for university students; higher pay and lower income tax for working women; old-age pensions for those who work after retirement age; encouragement of labour mobility by incentives in housing and rights.

BUILDING VIOLATIONS

In the Knesset Interior Committee, which was discussing infringements of the Planning and Building Law, a representative of the Central Contractors Association charged a 90 per cent of building contractors were committed by persons who build privately through all-time contractors. (Small contractors who refurbish flats are not added to the Contractors Association, whose members must be holders of a certain status.)

The representative blamed most of the remaining 10 per cent of contractors, not on contractors who build for sale but on the inordinate fees caused by the various licensing bodies.

Representatives of the Engineers and Architects Association said that licensing processes were faster, road and more suited to intensive construction.

Representatives of the local authorities told the Interior Committee it was hard to get enough extra inspection staff to control building, and how the court sanctions were ineffective in deterring yard contractors.

The local authorities urged that a law be changed to make the architects and engineers who plan buildings responsible for seeing that they are built according to the approved blueprints. Municipal inspectors should have the power to use summonses on the spot, they said.

Gov't companies bill to Cabinet within a month, Shapiro says

A bill aimed at improving management and work efficiency in Government corporations will be submitted to the Cabinet within a month, Justice Minister Yehoshua Shapir said yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting of the Trade Union Club of the Jerusalem Labour Council, Mr. Shapir said the Ministry had started working on this legislation even before the recent economic scandals involving Government-controlled firms (such as Netiv, Neft and Vered).

"A law is less certain than a smallpox vaccination," the Minister commented, "but I think the Government Corporations Law can do a lot to improve the situation in this area."

Turning to other legislation, Mr. Shapir said Ministry discussions on "substantial" changes in road accident insurance regulations were now in high gear. He said the new bill would give full compensation to accident victims without their having to prove the other party's negligence.

The bill would make Israel one of the most advanced countries in the world — if not the most advanced — in the area of road accident insurance," Mr. Shapir said. (Itim)

M.K.s propose easing terms of TV licence

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Owners of TV sets would be able to pay their licence fees in two half-yearly instalments, under a private member's bill by Alignment and Gahal M.K.s, tabled in the Knesset yesterday.

Proposing the bill were Adl Amorel, Moshe Baran and Yisrael Kargman (Alignment) and Yohanan Bader (Gahal).

The bill would lay down two licence fees: one for radio sets only, and the second for those who own both a radio and a TV set. In practice, all those who own a TV set would be billed the combined fee, on the assumption that they have some type of radio in addition to their TV.



Consumer strike or just a slow day? That's what this Jerusalem grocer wondered yesterday afternoon. (Photo Emka)

Consumer strike only partially effective

Jerusalem Post Staff

Yesterday afternoon's consumers' strike was like the proverbial curate's egg — it was good in parts. Many shop owners in the three main cities reported a marked drop in business; others said sales were normal. If the organizers had hoped for a total customer boycott, they didn't get it.

The 4-7 p.m. strike was called by the Histadrut Consumer Authority to protest a wave of price increases resulting from the abolition of general price control at the beginning of the year.

In Tel Aviv, the strike hit hardest at the two main department stores — Svalom and Hameshibb Leazar, which were virtually empty, as sales staff stood around and chatted with one another. The reason could perhaps be seen outside the entrances, where picketers handed out leaflets explaining the strike to prospective shoppers.

Elsewhere along main business streets, such as Allenby Road, more shoppers could be seen in the stores, including the large clothing chains. Post reporter Sarah Honig asked some of them why they were shopping during the strike. Many replied they did not know there was a strike; others said they were only checking out prices or "just looking."

WHAT STRIKE?

A shopkeeper, asked how the strike was affecting his business, replied, "What strike?" But a number of shopkeepers closed their stores before the 7 p.m. quitting time. A few pessimists did not open at all yesterday afternoon.

In the open-air markets, such as the Carmel Market, it was business as usual yesterday afternoon.

Strike organizers nevertheless said they were pleased with the results. One of them told The Jerusalem Post that "no one expected the strike to be 100 per cent successful in the large cities, where there are bound to be some stragglers among the large population. In the smaller towns we did better. But even if we only reduced the volume of business in the big towns, we have made our point."

The organizers say they hope to follow up yesterday's strike with selective boycotts of products whose prices, in the Histadrut's opinion, have been raised unjustifiably.

On the other side of the fence, the chairman of the General Merchants' Association, David Shifman, told the Liberal Party Economic Council here yesterday that "what this country needs now is a strike against strikes, and not against retailers." He added that the Histadrut Consumer Authority was

PERES TELLS KNESSET CTTEE: T.A.-Marseilles phone cable has repaid its investment

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The undersea telephone cable linking Tel Aviv to Marseilles has already repaid the investment, after only four years of operation, Communications Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Income from the undersea cable was IL83m. last year and is expected to reach IL150m. this year, Mr. Peres said. Between 1973 and 1978, the volume of all overseas phone calls is expected to increase fourfold, he said.

He complained that private enterprises were being lured by Communications Ministry staff away, at the rate of 50 employees a month. Only 20 new employees join the Ministry each month.

Part of the 1973 phone book, covering the whole of the country except for the Tel Aviv dialling area, will be distributed in March, the Minister said. The book will also include a countrywide mikud (postal zipcode) guide.

Mr. Peres said electronic gear worth IL3.5m. had been bought this year — to reroute automatically calls made to parties whose phone numbers had been changed. Other electronic gear will be tested this year at the "14" information service help to speed up replies, he said.

In the Knesset Education Committee, which was discussing the problems of Israel Television yesterday, Broadcasting Authority Director-General Shmuel Almog said that one-channel TV could never satisfy the cultural demands of the entire population. The viewers' cultural level is fairly mediocre, he said.

Mr. Almog said the Israeli public had to be educated in the use of TV. Television could be a medium for communicating culture but could not be a substitute for books, plays, concerts and high-standard films, he said.

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Budget axe over 400 TV, radio men alarms journalists

A threat by Shmuel Almog, director of the Broadcasting Authority, to fire 400 radio and TV employees has alarmed the Jerusalem Journalists' Association, which called a meeting yesterday with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir in Jerusalem. Mr. Almog said one-third of the Authority's staff would have to be dismissed if the Broadcasting Authority did not receive its requested budget for the coming year.

Representatives of the Journalists' Association who initiated the meeting told Mr. Sapir the Association had no desire to interfere in the discussions on the Broadcasting Authority budget and that their only interest was the future of the Authority's employees. (Itim)

FOLLOWING MEIR-POPE MEETING Kollek assures churches in J'lem of equal treatment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir's visit to the Pope has created some uneasiness among other churches in Jerusalem, according to Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Mr. Kollek told the Municipal Council Sunday night that the Municipality would continue to treat all churches in the city as equal. Mr. Kollek said that, even if the Pope had requested internationalization of Jerusalem at his meeting with Mrs. Meir, he would not have achieved it.

Mr. Kollek revealed that he himself had met with Mrs. Meir two weeks ago to discuss the cost of developing Jerusalem. He requested an annual Government allocation of IL100m. to help develop the city centre and provide other services for the giant developments going up on the city's rim. (The city's annual budget at present is about IL190m., of which IL7m. is a Government grant.) Also attending the meeting were Housing Minister Zeev Sharaf, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Justice Minister Ya'acov

Shmishon Shapiro. An inter-ministerial committee was set up to study the request and to make a recommendation.

There was a crisis of another sort at City Hall last night, when Mr. Kollek and two aides were stuck in the elevator for five minutes. The doors had closed, but the elevator did not move. The doors were finally forced open from the outside.

Two-day parley on thermal sciences at Univ. of Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The second symposium on thermal sciences will be held at the University of the Negev tomorrow and Thursday. A discussion on the oil and nuclear fuel requirements of Israel's industry and consumers' community will be led by the Director-General of the Development Industry, Yosef Vardi. Participating in the symposium will be representatives of various Government agencies and industry, including the desalination industry and research institutions.

New citrus packing house in Gaza Strip

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The Gaza Strip's fifth citrus packing plant was inaugurated in Nussirat north of here yesterday. Owned by Gaza businessmen Yassig and Murdasha, the IL5m. plant will employ 500 workers with a daily output of 20,000 crates. All five of the Strip's citrus packing houses were set up after the Six Day War.

Tourism up in 1972 despite year-end drop

TEL AVIV. — Although a record number of tourists — 727,532 — visited Israel in 1972, there was a slight decline in the monthly rate towards the end of the year. As a result, several steps were taken to ensure that 1973 will be a good year, according to Yisrael Zuriel, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Tourism. He told the press yesterday that the increase in 1972 over the previous year was 10.5 per cent. (This does not include 1,000 Arabs who crossed over into administered areas on summer days.)

Mr. Zuriel enumerated the steps which are to be taken. A special bid is to be set up to expand publicity abroad and encourage visits. Israel El Al is to study the possibility of cutting prices for groups, specially those arriving in the off-season. And tourist groups will no longer have to take half-board as condition for their group hotel arrangements.

Mr. Zuriel noted that income from tourism in 1972 was \$210m., as compared to \$178m. in 1971. In 1972, the tourist left \$290 in Israel; in 1971 the figure was \$271.

At the end of 1972 there were 2 recommended hotels in the country, as compared with 394 the preceding year; and the number of tourist-nights was seven million, an increase of half a million over 1971.

Europe sent 44 per cent of all the tourists to Israel. The U.S., which sent 39 per cent, was the largest single country. Of the Europeans, England sent the most (67,000 tourists). Both U.S. and U.K. tourism increased (as a percentage of total tourism) by about 10 per cent, while the numbers coming from France and Canada dropped slightly.

Some 45 per cent of the tourists were Christians, as compared to 40 per cent in 1971. (Itim)

State pays damages to woman hurt by bolting horse

HAIFA. — A woman injured by a frightened horse was awarded IL11,250 in damages and hospital costs, payable by the State, in District Court here yesterday. The horse, which was plunging a field in April 1970, bolted after hearing the sonic boom of a low-flying Air Force plane and injured Halima Muhammad Mahajna, 48, of Umm el-Fahm.

The appellant brought suit for IL30,000, claiming she suffered 32 per cent personal disability. The State Attorney claimed the horse was not controlled by the Air Force. Judge Yehoshua Gubernik gave the force of a court judgment to an agreement reached out of court between the two sides. (Itim)

THE TECHNION's junior technical college yesterday awarded "senior technician" honors to 90 graduates in electronics, chemistry, building and mechanical engineering. They were also awarded technical matriculation certificates by the Education Ministry. The college has 2,000 students.

Milan hoopsters arrive for return match

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Italian basketball champions, Simmenthal of Milan, arrived here last night for the return game against Tel Aviv Maccahi in the European Cup quarter-finals, at Yad Ellahu tomorrow night. In the first leg, in Milan last week, Simmenthal built up a commanding lead by beating the Israeli champions 108-74.

The Italians arrived without their star player, Italian national team captain Massimo Marini, who has the flu.

All 10,000 tickets for the Yad Ellahu game have been sold out.

TEMPORARY SYNAGOGUES for Soviet immigrants have been set up in 25 flats provided by the Ministry of Absorption. Most of them are for immigrants from Georgia. Permanent synagogues will be provided later by the Ministry for Religious Affairs, which also distributes prayer packages (containing a tablet, tefillin, a Pentateuch, prayerbook, siddur and candles) to immigrants on arrival.

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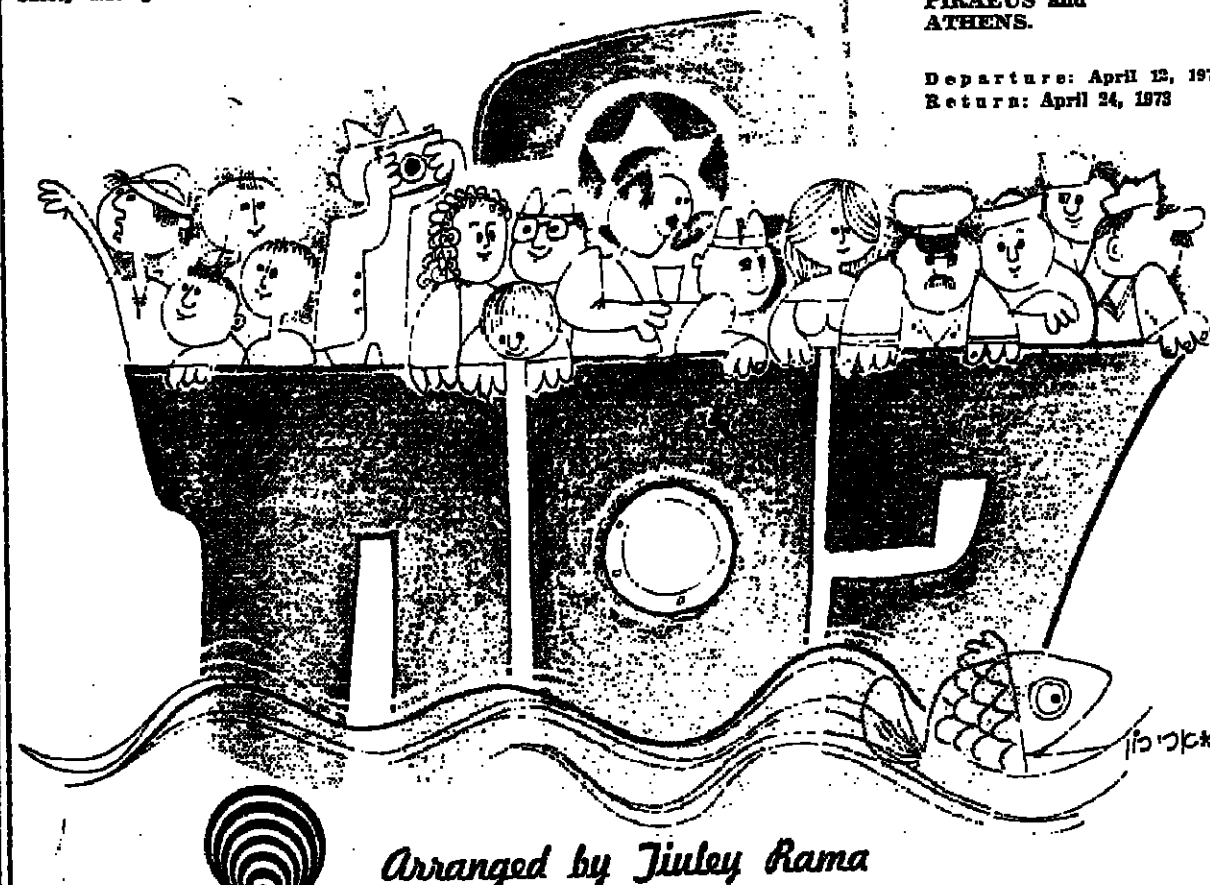
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The new Military Governor of the Gaza Strip, Aluf-Mishne Avraham Orli, who takes over from Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Fundak on February 1. He will be promoted to the rank of tat-aluf (brigadier general) upon taking office. Aluf-Mishne Orli has served in the army since 1948 and is now Assistant Military Governor of the Gaza Strip.

Shazar back from Johnson funeral service

LOD AIRPORT. — President Zalman Shazar returned yesterday afternoon from the U.S., where he attended a funeral service Thursday for former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson.

The army band playing the national anthem greeted Mr. Shazar as he descended from the El Al Boeing 747 which brought him from New York. The President then proceeded along the red carpet on the tarmac and reviewed an honour guard of officer-candidates.

Meeting the President at the airport were Prime Minister Golda Meir, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Housing Minister Zeev Sharaf, Absorption Minister Natan Peled, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, Communications Minister Shimon Peres, Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef, and other public figures. (Itim)



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Troop cut talks in Vienna tomorrow

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Nato ambassadors yesterday gave the final go-ahead for East-West exploratory talks on Central European force cuts to start in Vienna tomorrow, alliance officials said.

The decision to meet the Soviet Union and other members of the Warsaw pact came at a two-hour meeting of the Nato council.

Seven Nato nations with forces in Central Europe will be sending negotiators to Vienna for the exploratory talks on troop cuts, called mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR).

The Western countries involved are the U.S. and Canada, Britain, West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. France, which also has forces in West Germany, is ignoring MBFR because it opposes bloc to bloc negotiations.

The seven Nato nations in November invited the Soviet Union and four of her Warsaw pact allies — East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary — to attend the exploratory talks. But the Soviet Union made it clear to the Western allies over the weekend that Rumania and Bulgaria, although not directly affected by Central European force reductions, would also be attending the Vienna talks.

U.K. police grab 20 tons of pornographic books

LONDON (AP). — Squads of Scotland Yard detectives raided 50 bookshops and a printing press on Sunday and seized 20 tons of allegedly pornographic books.

The literature was worth £300,000, the Yard said.

Protection gangs have recently been moving in on book shop owners.

Senegal president re-elected

DAKAR, Senegal (AP). — Leopold Sedar Senghor, who has been President since Senegal was granted independence in 1960, was re-elected for five years on Sunday. He had no opponent and collected for the 97.05 per cent of the registered voters cast their ballots.

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Turkey tries to avoid reprisals against Armenians

ANKARA (AP). — A leading Turkish newspaper yesterday joined an effort to head off possible reprisals against the Armenian community in Turkey for the murder of two Turkish diplomats by an Armenian-American.

"We absolve our Armenian citizens in Turkey of blame in this dreadful incident," wrote Adnan Ipekci in an editorial in the "Milliyet" newspaper.

Calling the California killings of Turkey's Los Angeles consul-general and an aide "gruesome vengeance," Ipekci said factions of Armenians abroad still fostered campaigns of slander against Turkey.

"These campaigns do not restrict themselves to the past," Ipekci said, referring to the Turkish terror campaign which drove masses of Armenians from Turkey under the Ottoman empire. "They also claim that the Armenian community still living in Turkey is oppressed and terrorized."

In Istanbul, where most of the Turkish Armenian minority lives, police and troops guarded Armenian churches, schools and the Patriarchate to forestall possible reprisals.

CABLES IN BRIEF

PILGRIMS. — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia is giving food and financial assistance to 13,000 Nigerian Muslim pilgrims stranded in Saudi Arabia since the crash of a Jordanian airliner at Nigeria's Kano airport a week ago. The pilgrims have been unable to return to their country because Kano airport is still closed as a result of the crash.

MAGIC. — Some 70 persons in West Java have been arrested on charges of killing seven men who, the 70 feared, had the power to kill people with black magic, the Indonesian Ankara news agency reported yesterday.

ACCIDENT. — Aldra Nakamura, 40, crawled unhurt from the wreckage of his car after a serious expressway accident. Then fell 15 meters to his death through a gap between the north and south lanes of the elevated highway as he walked towards an emergency telephone, police in Shizuoka, Japan, reported yesterday.

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Mrs. Beatrice Williams of Memphis, Tenn., wife of Air Force Captain James Williams, was first told on Sunday that her husband was not on the list of prisoners being released. But later the red tape was unsmashed and she was informed that there had been a mistake — Williams was really on the list after all. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. P-o-Ws missing from Hanoi lists

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Defense Department said yesterday 56 American servicemen previously listed by the U.S. as prisoners of war remain unaccounted for by North Vietnam.

Pentagon spokesman Jerry Friedman said their names "are not on the two lists we have received so far."

These lists, handed to U.S. officials in Paris on Saturday by the North Vietnamese, identified 555 U.S. fighting men held in Communist prison camps in North and South Vietnam as well as the names of 65 P-o-Ws the Communists said died in captivity.

The Communists also failed to furnish information on Americans taken prisoner in Laos or provide clues to the fate of more than 1,300 Americans still missing in action throughout Southeast Asia. The lists came as a blow to families who had hoped their loved ones would turn out to be prisoners.

Phyllis Gelant, board chairman of the National League of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, told a news conference here yesterday that at least 15 men who were known to be alive or identified in North Vietnam at one time are not mentioned by Hanoi as either prisoners or dead.

"Some of our worst fears have now materialized," Mrs. Gelant said. Her own husband was captured and captured and is to be released in the next 60 days.

Although some of the news was bad, Mrs. Gelant said there were some heartening examples on the North Vietnamese list. One man had been missing in action on U.S. lists and was later reclassified as killed in action "on the basis of what we thought was good information," Mrs. Gelant said. "It now develops that he is a prisoner and will be coming home."

Mrs. Gelant said others on the prisoner list previously had been listed as missing, but she did not know how many. "Some men are on the list who had been held for long years in the south with no information coming through to their families," she said, "including at least two men who have not been heard from since 1968." (AP, UPI)

Man with 10 'wives' — rape charges dropped

BANGKOK (AP). — Police decided yesterday to drop charges of statutory rape and impairment of the morals of a minor which were filed earlier against a Japanese businessman who gained publicity for living in northern Thailand with 10 Thai girls.

A police spokesman said the charges against Toshio Tamamoto, 39, were dropped after Maj.-Gen. Channar Mangkalarat, police commissioner of Chiangmai province, personally interrogated the Japanese businessman over the weekend. Tamamoto was arrested three weeks ago.

Officials said a girl is considered a minor in Thailand if she is below 13 years old. But they said the girl involved in the charges was 13 years and four months old and also she was living with Tamamoto with her parents' consent.

Newspapers in Thailand and Japan have carried stories on Tamamoto and the 10 Thai girls who have been described as his common law wives.

Police said Tamamoto's visa expires next week and it will not be renewed. But officials said they want to continue to keep track of Tamamoto's activities following reports in Japan that he is involved in drug trafficking.

TOILETS. — Police in Bournemouth, England, have alerted women to beware of a "low-down" purse snatcher. The thief steals handbags by pulling open the cubicle doors in women's lavatories.

Pieta attacker sent to mental home

ROME (Reuters). — The Australian citizen arrested last May after severely damaging Michaelangelo's priceless "Pieta" sculpture in St. Peter's Basilica here will be confined to a Rome mental hospital for at least two years, it was announced yesterday.

An investigating magistrate ruled that 34-year-old Hungarian-born Laszlo Toth should not stand trial because he was not responsible for his actions when he attacked the sculpture with a hammer on May 21.

But the magistrate, Dr. Filippo Florio, ruled that Toth should be sent to a criminal mental asylum for two years, when another psychiatric examination would take place to decide whether or not he might be released.

The sculpture which depicts the Madonna with the dead Jesus on her lap has since been restored so that the damage is invisible.

SOVIETS PLAN 650 km. CANAL

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday announced plans for a mammoth new irrigation canal five times as long as the Volga-Don canal built by Stalin and hailed at the time as one of the wonders of modern Russia.

Work on the new canal, which will link the Volga with the Ural River over 500 kms. to its east, is to begin in 1974 and the first stage of 222 kms. is due to be completed by 1979. Its total length will be 646 kms.

The Volga-Ural canal will irrigate vast dry regions north of the Caspian Sea and open up big new areas for sowing grain and rice.

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Judge opens probe in Yishai killing

MADRID. — A Spanish judge yesterday opened a full-scale investigation into the Madrid shooting of an Israeli whom a Palestinian terrorist group claimed to have executed as an Israeli secret agent.

The judge, Jose Luis Ruiz Sanchez, said he could give no details of the probe into the death of Moshe Eshkol, 36, who was hit by two bullets on a busy street during rush-hour on Friday.

Informal sources said there was initial evidence that it was a case of murder by a lone assailant and at least seven persons were being questioned in connection with the incident.

It was reliably understood that a 25-year-old medical student from Jordan, believed to be a Palestinian, could emerge as a key figure in the investigations.

The Black September organization has claimed responsibility for the killing. It described the man as an Israeli intelligence officer named "Ouri Mouli" involved in the assassination of two Palestinian officials in Paris and Rome in recent months.

Leaders of the 3,000-strong Jewish community in Madrid, joined by an unnamed diplomat from the Israeli Embassy in Paris, yesterday made formal application for the dead man's body, informed sources said.

Relatives or friends had failed to come forward to claim the body and, but for yesterday's action, it would have received a pauper's unceremonious burial in Madrid.

The body was now, however, likely to be repatriated. According to the sources, a post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday and the body was now being embalmed. Details of the autopsy were not made public.

There was reason to believe that the dying man identified his assailant to police as he lay wounded. He died in hospital here two hours after being shot.

Police and officials here have declined to make any comment on the killing, or on Black September claims it had kidnapped a wealthy local businessman, Max Mazin, who was later found to be in Haifa. (Reuters)

Wilson: 'I stand by my Israel comments'

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — British Labour party leader Harold Wilson declared yesterday he stood by all he said while in Israel at Christmas time.

"Not all of the statements which I made were accurately reported, and this caused some of the trouble I encountered when I came back," he said referring to attacks made on him by the party's pro-Arab lobby.

"Still, I stand by these remarks, and what I stand by is enough to worry them, without worrying about what I didn't say."

The Leader of the Opposition made his statement at a luncheon in the House of Commons arranged by the Labour Friends of Israel and attended by many of his senior colleagues and leading members of the Trade Union Council.

After giving a detailed, often humorous report of his Israel visit, Mr. Wilson turned to the attacks made on him by Christopher Mayhew and other Labour Party members which had implied that his statements of support for Israel ran counter to the Labour Party's general line on the Middle East.

Reading from notes, Mr. Wilson then reiterated the comments which he had made in Israel. He stated that he believed "the statements made by Israel are fully consistent with (U.N.) Resolution 242," which his government had sponsored. He added that he believed the Israeli proposal for direct talks is the way to achieve peace.

"An interim settlement is a perfectly proper approach to securing a final settlement," he went on. "But I believe that a refusal to sit down to discuss an interim settlement without a prior declaration by the other party setting out all that has to be ultimately included in the final settlement is unacceptable, is

contrary to the intentions of Resolution 242, and flies in the face of all the history of free negotiations, whether in industry or international relations."

Mr. Wilson also noted that while he had been aware of the strategic importance of Sharm el-Sheikh for Israel from studying maritime maps, after seeing it this belief was reinforced. "Peaceful frontiers mean peaceful access through international waterways to safe havens for the purposes of trade and commerce," he concluded.

Gaddafi turns down Syrian aid request
LONDON (INA). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi has rejected the request for aid made by the Syrian Foreign Minister last week.

Gaddafi, he demanded from Syria "a political decision to storm the Golan Heights and liberate the land."

Reporting from Tripoli, the London "Guardian" correspondent David Hirst said in an article yesterday that Syria's Foreign Minister, Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who visited Tripoli last week, pleaded for more financial aid.

He told Gaddafi that over 300 persons died in the recent Israeli raid, and that about \$15m. worth of goods — medicine, food and equipment — were destroyed in the bombardment of warehouses in Latakia.

"But Gaddafi gave him a dusty answer — he wants from (Syrian President) Assad a 'political decision to storm the Golan Heights and liberate the land,'" the "Guardian" said.

THREE DIE IN STADIUM CRUSH
DURBAN (Reuters). — An African woman and two small boys were trampled to death when nearly 60,000 soccer fans rushed for the only exit at Durban's Umlazi stadium on Sunday night. Two young women were injured when a wall collapsed in the crush.

The riot started after disgruntled spectators threw cold drink cans at fans who sat on the field, blocking their view.

FLIGHTS. — Iran Air, the country's national airline, will begin a regular direct service from Teheran to Beijing in early April, after a detour via Shanghai and Tokyo, the airline announced in Teheran yesterday.

German legionnaire dies in escape bid
BONIFACIO, Corsica (Reuters). — A West German who joined the French Foreign Legion two months ago was killed yesterday when he jumped into the sea from an 80-metre cliff in a desperate attempt to desert. A second German who jumped was picked up unhurt.

The legionnaires planned to escape from their training camp here by swimming the 13 kms. channel separating Corsica from Italy's Mediterranean island of Sardinia.

The survivor was picked up by a customs launch. Neither was identified.

The escape attempt followed the killing on Friday of another legionnaire by a Greek who tried to desert by hijacking a plane at nearby Calvi.

Posh Londoners stealing milk from each other
LONDON (UPI). — In a journalistic coup a new London monthly newspaper has revealed the seamy truth about Britain's top people.

Alf Basson, milkman in early morning Belgravia — London's swank suburb where residents who cannot afford a Rolls Royce make do with a Bentley — has told it all to the "Times" of Chelsea, Knightsbridge and Belgravia.

And it is: Belgravia residents steal each others' milk from doorsteps.

Determined to tell how it is (or was) the new paper also profiled William Joyce — Hitler's radio propagandist Lord Haw Haw — who, as a teacher in the neighbouring borough of Westminster, tried to establish himself in the Conservative Party in 1928-30.

Joyce always claimed he left the party because he was dissatisfied with its policies. But the "Times" tells all.

Hester Marsden-Smedley — a former Tory party colleague of Joyce — writes he was forced to resign when he was involved with a schoolgirl pupil.

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Nixon budget gets rid of Johnson projects in anti-inflation bid

ST. BISCAYNE, Florida (Reuter). President Nixon on Sunday told a group of American people his new budget, cutting back many of the late President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" programmes which he termed "sacred cows".

Speaking from the Florida White House here, the President said his 1974 financial year budget for Congress in Washington yesterday, signalled a better way to progress by getting rid of programmes at have outlived their time or failed.

"It is time to get big government off your back and out of your pocket," he said in a radio speech the opening salvo in what observers predict will be a savage title with Congress over federal spending.

Mr. Nixon, who has impounded 1,000 million voted by Congress in domestic programmes in the past financial year, called on the American people to resist higher federal expenditures.

He said they must fight special

\$719m. for war on drugs

WASHINGTON (Reuter). President Nixon yesterday stepped up his drive against narcotics smuggling with a budget proposal of \$719m. on anti-drug enforcement and prevention programmes.

The figure is a five-fold increase in the government's spending to combat drugs smuggling in three years.

At least \$43m. has been allocated to the State Department for mobilizing overseas efforts against the production and distribution of drugs.

interests which lead to inflation and higher taxes.

His new budget — about \$19,000 million higher than the deficit — will order sharp cuts in many social, health, housing, education and anti-poverty programmes.

Defence spending is expected to jump from about \$74.5 thousand million to \$80 thousand million.

Many of the President's critics claim that the over-all budget decrease, which Mr. Nixon disclosed on Friday, is not enough in view of population growth and the deterioration of the quality of life in the U.S.

Despite the reductions, Mr. Nixon said, spending for human resources would be almost twice as much as when he came into office four years ago.

With the Vietnam war at an end, it was a true peacetime budget in every sense of the word, he said, showing doubled spending for pollution control, an eight per cent increase in funds to fight crime and drug abuse, 20 per cent more for research to meet the fuel-energy shortage, and 21 per cent more in the fight against cancer and heart disease.

The President said his new budget would not require higher taxes and would not drive prices higher.

If spending had continued as usual, there would have been a budget deficit of \$80 thousand million that would have led to more inflation and a 15 per cent jump in income taxes.



Anti-Zionist placards were carried by demonstrators on Sunday in Nicosia, as they accompanied the body of a Palestinian terrorist killed there last week when a bomb under his bed exploded. (AP radio photo)

Fatah man's body sent to Beirut from Nicosia

IRUT. — The body of Hussein Abul Khair, representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Cyprus, who died in a bomb explosion in a Nicosia el last Wednesday, was brought yesterday, the Palestine news agency (Wafa) reported.

The body was brought to Nicosia by a private jet, and was taken to the airport. The agency said Abul Khair, who was a victim of "Zionist terrorism," was to be buried in a refugee camp in Sidon, south-Lebanon, yesterday.

In Nicosia on Sunday Greek Cypriot demonstrators waved anti-Zionist placards outside the Israeli embassy in protest at the death of Abul Khair.

has claimed that Abul Khair was his representative in Cyprus, and that he was murdered by Israeli agents.

Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios confirmed on Saturday during his monthly press conference that police believe Abul Khair was murdered.

Fatah yesterday pledged to avenge Abul Khair's death at a ceremony before the body was flown to Beirut. "Zionist murderers" and their "collaborators" in Cyprus will be punished abroad, the statement said, but not in Cyprus soil "because we feel friendship and solidarity with the Cyprus people."

(Reuter, AP)

Smoking at indoor pools 'can produce poison gas'

LONDON (AP). — Cigarette smoking at indoor swimming pools can produce small amounts of poison gas harmful to the smoker, a British medical expert said yesterday.

Dr. Stanley Shetlin said in the "Medical News" journal that carbon monoxide from the tobacco smoke can mingle with fumes of chlorine, used to keep pool water pure, and produce phosgene, a poison gas used during World War I.

Shetlin, medical adviser to the British amateur swimming association, said as little as one part of phosgene in 10 million parts of air could "harm the body." He urged that smoking at indoor pools be banned until the matter has been investigated.

W. Germans to Cairo for talks on debts

BONN (Reuter). — A West German government delegation left for Cairo yesterday to start negotiations on the rescheduling of Egyptian debts and future economic cooperation between the two countries, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Egypt stopped repaying debts to West Germany in autumn, 1970.

The spokesman said the delegation would negotiate the recovery of about DM100m. (more than \$20m.) from capital aid and credit and trade deals underwritten by the government-run Hermes export insurance.

A secondary topic at the talks would be debts, also estimated at about DM160m., owed to private West German industry and investors, the spokesman said.

The amount of further capital aid grants to Egypt would depend on the country's ability to repay the old debts, he said, adding that in preliminary negotiations Egypt had indicated its readiness to repay.

The West German government was considering a capital aid of up to DM100m. to Egypt in 1973, the spokesman said.

British planes track Soviet sub off Irish coast

LONDON (AP). — A nuclear-powered Russian submarine is being tracked off the north-west coast of Ireland, the Ministry of Defence reported yesterday.

A ministry spokesman said a Royal Air Force Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft and the nuclear-powered submarine Conquest were keeping a close watch on the Soviet craft.

The ministry would not comment on newspaper speculation that the Russian submarine might be spying on the U.S. nuclear missile submarine base on the Clyde estuary in southwest Scotland.

He tried to steal a bank

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP). — Banks have been run on, bombed and robbed.

Now, police say, someone has tried to steal one.

Police reported that Richard John Lee, 26, broke into a trailer used as a portable Bank of America branch, ransacked it and then tried to drive off with it. Officers said Lee was unable to get the vehicle into gear and asked two men at a nearby service station for aid.

But the sight of the ransacked interior and the "Bank of America" sign painted on the vehicle "aroused their suspicion."

The men called police, who took Lee into custody, where he was booked for investigation of theft.

Schumann in Rumania
BUCHAREST (Reuter). — French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann arrived here yesterday for a two-day official visit to Rumania, in which he will discuss moves for an East-West detente in Europe.

YETTA AND ALEXANDER ...they may not have too long to wait

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HUNDREDS of young newcomers from Russia have been disappointed that winter in Israel does not bring with it ice — and ice skating.

Ice skating is a major sport throughout the Soviet Union and among the Russian new immigrants are a number who have reached championship class. Their ice skates are now hanging in cupboards waiting for the day that an ice rink is built in Israel.

Foremost among them are 14-year-old Yetta Katz, formerly of Riga and an ice skating star of Latvia, and 19-year-old Alexander Rosenstein, the 1969 champion of Kiev.

Yetta was on ice skates practically from the day she could walk, and started to compete in the sport at the age of 4½. For years before she came to Israel just over a year ago she trained six hours a day, every day. In the all-U.S.S.R. youth championships up to the age of 16, 12-year-old Yetta took third place. A figure skater of breathtaking talent, Yetta, who was still hardly a teenager, was already in the Latvian adult team.

The Katz family came to Israel via London. There she skated on the Queensway rink. Hundreds of skaters stood aside to watch the girl from Russia. They said she should be coached by Weisswasser, the Swiss skating coach who handles world champions. But the Katz family was headed for Israel, and Yetta is now a schoolgirl in Petah Tikva.

The fact that there is no ice rink in Israel came as a blow to young Yetta. Yet Yetta and Alexander Rosenstein met on ice — in Tel Aviv. That was last summer when both had the same idea. They had that the "Holiday on Ice" revue was appearing at the Tel Eilahu Sports Palace and arrived there separately to ask permission if they



Yetta Katz at the Elga ice rink.

could skate on the artificial ice rink.

Helmut Eckart, the manager of "Holiday on Ice," watched Yetta for three minutes and offered her a two-year contract with her mother as paid chaperone to tour the world with "Holiday on Ice," the world's largest producers of ice shows. But Yetta decided — after several sleepless nights — not to accept. "I want to complete my studies," she told us.

Eckart also made an offer to Alexander, but he too decided to stay on in Israel. He has been in the country for less than one year and is to study physiotherapy at the Wingate Institute of Physical Education in Netanya.

The two skaters have made enquiries about artificial ice rinks and found that they can be kept up to a temperature of 40°C. A rink should measure a minimum of 40x20 metres, but the thickness of ice need not be more than 3-4 centimetres.

"If Israelis can ski there is no reason why they should not take to ice skating," Yetta observed, adding "and there would be no problem of instructors."

The problem, it seems, is the money to get an ice skating rink started. The young Russian olim are convinced such a project would prove a money spinner for an investor, and would certainly make a lot of ex-ice skaters very happy again.

At the Cinema

Going in for cheap laughs

ROGER Vadim's PRETTY MAIDS RAIL IN A BOW (Hod, Tel Aviv), is a rather odd concoction of sex and murder at an American high school.

This MGM film marks the return to the screen of former Hollywood heart-throb Rock Hudson, who still has an irresistible attraction for the females in the film as Tiger McDrew, the school's assistant principal and student counsellor. He cannot resist his philandering, even when several senior girls are found brutally murdered on the campus, while the police inspector (Telly Savalas) moomches around looking for the mysterious killer.

In the parallel plot, Tiger assists a 17-year-old pupil and football coach (well played by newcomer John David Garson) overcome his "sexual problems" by persuading a glamorous woman teacher to help him throw off his inhibitions. Angie Dickinson overacts badly in this cheesecake part, but even more inexcusable are the performances of Roddy McDowall and Keenan Wynn, who make caricatures out of their respective roles of the principal and a local sheriff.

In spite of the chain of murders, Vadim never allows the film to become too serious, preferring to let his camera dwell on the "pretty maids" of the title, or a beautifully-realized sequence at a high school football game. However, he has not always handled his subject with the good taste one might have expected from an outstanding French director, and is sometimes guilty of going in for cheap laughs. A pity, because there are also plenty of good things in this uneven piece. J. L.

FUZZ (Mograbli, Tel Aviv) is a comedy-thriller about police versus extortionists. It is based on the novel by Ed McBain who also wrote the screenplay under the name of Evan Hunter.

Everything is coloured by slapstick, and the main aim of the film seems to be to poke fun at the incompetence of the Police Force who are shown as fumbling idiots.

It cannot be said that the film is successful either as farce or thriller; the two elements are woven together in such a way as to cancel out one another. Jack Weston is the detective and Rami Yosef appears as a sexy woman colleague but she has little to do and does not do that little particularly well. Yul Brynner also makes a brief appearance. Jacques Marquette's photography is worth note. Directed by Richard A. Colla.

FEAR IS THE KEY (Ophir, Tel Aviv), directed by Michael Tuchner from the novel by mystery-story writer Alistair MacLean, is a hard-hitting action story with plenty of chases. It all starts off with a terrific car chase which is exciting but goes on too long.

Barry Newman is John Talbot, a deep-sea salvage expert who for self-protection kidnaps an oil-king's daughter (Suzy Kendall) and then finds himself compelled to undertake a job for the millionaire. The development of the story is very unclear and it is difficult to know why the various characters act in the way they do. But Barry Newman acts with a lot of brio and force and the film does keep one wondering as to what will happen next. S.W.

A success from the beginning

Special concert by the Israel Chamber Ensemble. Conductor: Gary Bertini. Soloists: Michael Malsky, cello; Giora Refaeli, horn. (Tel Aviv Museum, January 25). Haydn: Symphony No. 38 in D Major; Mozart: Concerto No. 2 in E flat Major for Horn and Orchestra; Beethoven: Cello Concerto; Hindemith: Chamber Music No. 1 op. 24.

THIS concert, under the untiring leadership of Gary Bertini, was a success right from the beginning. The Haydn Symphony got an inspiring performance; accurate, rich in contrasts and unusually alive. There was flow and inventive freshness in every phrase and dynamics were expertly chosen and graded. Particularly encouraging were the strings, which sounded, at last, completely fused, displaying brilliant sound, intense and dominating in the first and last movements and warmly committed in the slow movement.

Mr. Refaeli's opening phrases in the horn concerto sounded rather tense and cumbersome, but as he went along, his tone and technical proficiency improved steadily. He never achieved a really beautiful sound or more than conventional musical expression, but the per-



formance was technically flawless and musically sound and Mr. Bertini provided a happily animated accompaniment.

The debut of 25-year-old cellist Michael Malsky, a recent arrival from the Soviet Union, proved his ability and professional know-how beyond any doubt, although he deserved a more valuable vehicle than that provided by the banal and poor Beethoven concerto. He opened with broad and sweeping phrases, but what he gave us later on in the first movement, did not match the quality of the opening. Malsky's interpretational devices did not always seem to fit Beethoven's simple and naive style. What impressed was his ability to endow a passage with meaningful musical consequence.

Bertini concluded the concert with a brilliant performance of Hindemith's Chamber Music Op. 24. The work, with its wild and daring sonorities and rhythms, was played with tremendous zest.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Hongkong returns Arabs to Thailand

NGKOK (AP). — Two Arabs arrested by Thai airport authorities on Sunday and released yesterday to Hongkong were denied entry to Hongkong and were returned to Thailand. Thai airport authorities reported last night.

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Flouting the Paris agreement

THE Vietnam cease-fire continues largely to be ignored on the ground. Even as the international policing commission arrived to seek to supervise the truce arrangements, fighting continued unchecked.

Such violations of the agreement signed so solemnly only last week in Paris were not entirely unexpected. For it was felt that before the peace went into effect and even perhaps for a few days after until the cease-fire machinery got under way the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong would mount a final desperate effort to gain control of strategic towns and hamlets.

However, even if these suspicions entered into the calculations of the U.S. and Saigon, the flagrant violations of the agreement have put both countries under a strain.

South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu, who was throughout skeptical of any agreement with the Communists, has already indicated that what is happening confirms his doubts and reveals the inflated nature of American hopes.

President Nixon too cannot for very long stand by if the North flouts the commitments it gave the U.S. and plays the giant for a fool.

The difficulty for the White House, however, is that any attempt to throw its planes and ships back into the war will

the Communists honour the cease-fire would probably meet with tremendous domestic resistance. This has not deterred President Nixon in the past, it is true. But it would be all the more difficult for him now after all his countrymen have heaved a big collective sigh of relief that the American role in the war has come to an end.

It is possible that the North Vietnamese are gambling on this U.S. reluctance and will continue to fight for as many days as they can remain confident that there will be no vigorous counter action. At the same time, they will probably participate in all the meetings aimed to set up the truce supervision apparatus, in order to gain time and keep their foes off balance.

It is expected that other nations, including the Soviet Union and China, will seek to prevail upon Hanoi to stop the shooting at least for the present. For their very interest in bringing the war to a close at this stage will also prompt them to press Hanoi to honour the agreement.

However, the violations of the Communists and the flagrant manner in which they have ignored the commitments they gave in Paris, has again raised the question of the value of paper agreements, and the value of agreements with nations for whom treaties are merely a gambit in a continuing warfare.

NIXON'S GRAND DESIGN

WASHINGTON. — THE eloquence of President Nixon's Inaugural Address last weekend had all the emptiness of solid fact that is customary on such occasions. But behind the large phrases and rhetorical stunts, one thing stood out. The heaviest emphasis was on the work still needing to be done to achieve "the generation of peace" the President so often predicts.

Here is the greatest secret of the Nixon Administration, so well kept that it has caused countless misunderstandings. The secret is, in brief, that the President truly believes he can achieve his generation of peace and perhaps a lot more than that.

The right parallel is with the Congress of Vienna, so much maligned and so much studied by Dr. Henry A. Kissinger. Between the Congress in 1814 and World War I in 1914 there was every kind of change, every kind of trouble, every kind of conflict — except one. For 100 years after the Congress of Vienna there was no big Europe-wide war.

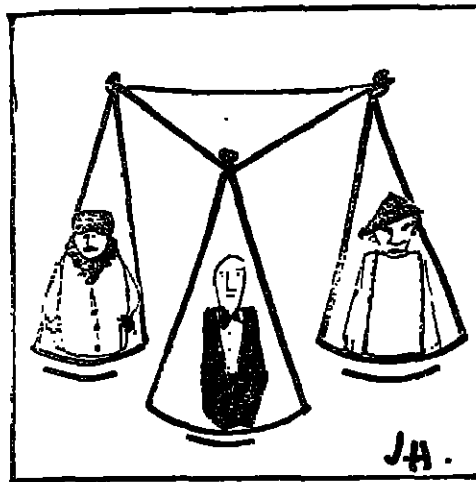
Now the scene has changed to embrace the whole world. Except for Russia, the great powers of the Congress of Vienna and World War I have all declined to medium powers or even, like Austria, to near zeros in the balance.

New system

Mr. Nixon has to work mainly with three great powers, the U.S., the Soviet Union and China, and one potential great power, Japan. What the President truly means when he talks about his "generation of peace" is far more complicated and solid than his phrase suggests. He means, in fact, that he intends to bring into being a new system of world-wide power relationships. The system is to be equally based, in turn, on an entirely new relationship between the U.S., the Soviet Union and China.

The secret of this intention has been well kept for two obvious reasons. The balance of power may be — indeed, it is — the main spring of history; but that is not widely understood in virtuous America. The complications and delicacies of balance-of-power politics also do not lend themselves to the free public discourse of the simpler cold war years. Given the nature of American society, the

On this page last Wednesday, JOSEPH ALSOP described the Chinese fear of a Soviet military attack as something very real. Here he explains how U.S. President Nixon makes use of this fear in his efforts to establish world peace by setting up a triangular balance of forces.



odds against Mr. Nixon are considerable. Dr. Kissinger's hero, Prince Metternich, who was also the hero of the Congress of Vienna, would have found it impossible to deal with the U.S. Senate. Yet the fact remains that the President is talking about something real, which he may well achieve against the odds.

He has an opportunity for achievement because of two cardinal facts. One is the seemingly irreconcilable enmity between the Soviet Union and China. The other, more complex, fact is the mass of evidence that the Soviets are seriously thinking about the nuclear castration of China as an essential preventive step.

Few people in the U.S. take that evidence at face value. But it is taken at face value in the White House. Above all, it is taken at face value by the leaders in Peking. The enormous Soviet military buildup on the Chinese border alone made possible the new American relationship with China. And this served as a lever to begin a great change in our relations with the Soviets.

Great risks

Thus the main short-term aim of the President's policy is "getting round the corner," as he has been known to describe it. The corner may be defined as the moment when the Soviets will have to give up any idea of preventive attack on China because the risks of a Chinese nuclear counter-attack will have become too great. It is a moment that will surely occur during the second Nixon Administration.

In order to "get round the corner," what amounts to a tacit alliance between the U.S. and China — not offensive but defensive — has come into being. If the corner is indeed safely rounded, an entirely new relationship between the great powers will automatically emerge. And in the resulting Sino-Russo-American triangle of forces the U.S. will unavoidably occupy the swing position.

This is the heart of the matter, and it is regarded as such by the President himself, and by the tiny circle who have his full confidence.

This heart of the matter, by its very nature, explains a great deal that has seemed mysterious. It is the main reason, for example, that Mr. Nixon has always insisted upon an honourable Vietnamese settlement, at much cost to himself as well as the U.S. With the war apparently out of the way, Mr. Nixon will feel strengthened for the next great phase of his effort.

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JESUS AND JESUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Rochelle Furstenberg describes the movement of Jews towards Jesus as having "an anti-historical quality." Yet, if it has been valid for Jewish people in our century to return to their homeland after 10 centuries elapsed, why is it so invalid for Jews to relate to the Hebrew Christian movement of the New Testament which was born in that homeland?

The common notion that a Jew can be a reasonable follower of anyone — Marx, Freud, Marcuse — is a matter how far out from traditional Judaism, but not Jesus, smacks of the kind of illogical intolerance we are supposed to be free from in our "liberal" society.

As a Jew who accepts Jesus (Yeshua) within a Hebrew framework, I do not reject my national origin. The God of Israel, however, is a tribal God, but the God of nations. I do not see, therefore, how it is "defection" or "anti-historical" to identify with a movement which planted a Hebrew faith among the nations of the world. **MEYAHIM BENHAYIM**
Eilat, January 20.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Moshe Rosen, Jesus' first

leader, speaks of the Jewish establishment and its lack of real values. Judaism, American style, is not necessarily Judaism, Torah style. If Jewish youth will explore the religion and its traditional style, they will achieve the spiritual goals they are striving for and do not need to fuse foreign standards into Judaism.

DAVID ELIEN
Jerusalem, January 21.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We surely are ready today for the breath of God to go into our lives and remind us how to live one another again. We really are the peace, internal as well as external, that the promised Messiah will establish. Maybe this is the world over, people expect of Messiah. Christians are very much the second coming is imminent fulfillment of the 2500-year-old prophecy of the Great Buddha's arrival is now due. Hindus look to Krishna to appear and establish righteousness in a world with an abominable hunger for materialism. Come, please! I think even Jews feel it is time to stand.

So I hope we can forgive our wandering children and appreciate why they may be feeling such rest today, as they are always sensitive to the situation.

MRS. A. E. MURRAY
Tel Aviv, January 20.

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Arab terror is spreading

Al Hamishmar (Mapam): "The terrorist organizations have spread their activities to countries sympathetic to the Arabs, namely France and now Spain as well. Israel cannot rely on others to do its work to ensure the safety of Israeli institutions and citizens in Europe. This difficult task thus devolves upon Israel. The murderers of Moshe Hanan Yishai will not escape scot-free. Israel's arms will reach them sooner or later."

Listing three capitals — Nicosia, Madrid and Santiago — in which both Jewish and Arab blood have been shed recently, Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) writes: "It is doubtful whether there has been any other local conflict leading to killings far from the battlefield itself and obliging distant countries to protect themselves from it. Whoever believes that Arab terrorism is waning is mistaken. Its spread casts doubt on negotiations between Jerusalem and Cairo or Amman."

"Who will serve as next President of the State?" asks Ha'aretz (non-party), recommending that the issue should not be postponed for a further year. Suggesting that the V.I.P.s named as candidates for this high post do not possess all the requisite qualifications, the paper remarks: "The President of the State of Israel must not be involved in politics, but he must be endowed with personal authority in the eyes of party leaders. He must be close to the people, and at the same time be a man of the world."

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Doing what comes unnaturally

With Prejudice

by Alex Berlyne

A READER has taken me to task for making a slighting reference to "Playboy" magazine, suggesting that I "shudder prudishly" when looking at the nude "Playmate" in the centre pages.

Well, Mrs. S. my last prudish shudder must have taken place a long time ago before I spent seven solid years in a life-class, first as an art student and then as a teacher. As they would put it in Manchester, I've seen more nudes than she's had hot dinners.

Her letter contains the obligatory remarks about the many interesting articles and stories which appear in the magazine. William F. Buckley, the arch-conservative editor of the "National Review," once featured in a "Playboy" interview, in the central article, and this controversial figure was surprised to receive only one letter in response, compared with the 800 or so he gets weekly at the "Review." (Circulation 110,000; "Playboy" has 5½ million.) "It began to dawn on me that all that talent at 'Playboy' that is engaged in producing the non-sex part of the magazine — what Gary Willis calls the 'magazine within a magazine' — simply is not read," wrote the crestfallen Mr. Buckley. Recovering quickly, he compared the famous articles to "a Bible on the bookshelf of a whorehouse. It is after all there, for those who want it."

Callow boys

The last issue I read, nearly a year ago, contained a letter from a disappointed Women's Lib militant, complaining about the conservative attitudes of her boyfriends who unaccountably disapproved of her promiscuity, and relating the frustrating time she had begging her "sex-partners to read 'Playboy' instead of just looking at the pictures."

Read "The Playboy Adviser," an updated version of the "Bintel Brief," and the calibre of the average reader becomes apparent. He seems to be a callow college boy in search of sophistication and terribly worried about etiquette and who to tip what in a restaurant. So who, besides my correspondent, reads the "big-name articles" fiction? Only a fraction of the 5½ million, I'm sure.

In fact, the magazine is a typical example of "soft" pornography. Here beginneth the first lesson. A distinction must be made between erotica, functioning as an adjunct or a stimulant to normal sex, and pornography, which is basically anti-sex and dehumanizing. Magazines like "Playboy" dilute and dissipate sexuality. Their function is basically masturbatory, and the editors seem to be aware of this. Here

is the punchline of a "Playboy" joke about a nude actress in an uncensored play: "When I finished I don't think there was a dry handkerchief in the house." What is one to make of the publication's trademark, a white rabbit? Or of the white fluffy tails the "Bunny-girls" wear in the "Playboy" clubs? I suppose they could be classified as a literary allusion, but it will remain unquoted in this column.

Cold spray

As for the "Innocent and artistic" photographs, I have to inform my faithful reader that it is standard practice for the photographer's assistant to douse these poor, exploited, deluded girls' nipples with a cold hair-spray in order to fix them erect for the camera. Artistic? Let Kenneth Clarke have a say: "Art exists in the realm of contemplation... the moment art becomes an incentive to action it loses its true character." A number of critics have studied the porno-kitsch which adorns "Playboy," among them Ugo Volli who wrote: "The producers assert that the female body 'is the most beautiful thing in the world.' This embodies both the idea of kitsch beauty (and its confusion with art) and the idea of the woman as object." Gillo Dorfles has attempted to illustrate this confusion: "Confronted with a painting, a sunset or the Bay of Naples the *kitschmenach* feels tears coming into his eyes."

To revert to the subject of pornography. Last week, almost three years after the British experiment, the Minister of Education in his wisdom persuaded the Cabinet to advocate the lifting of censorship from the Israeli theatre. Now, censorship is hard to justify under any circumstances and it's often misused, but I believe that the liberal job-busters who have been pressing for its removal are, like liberals everywhere, basically innocent and unaware of the nature of the alternative they have undoubtedly loosed upon us. Oddly enough, this has come at precisely the same time when the Longford Commission in England, set up in reaction to the flood of pornography loosed upon that country, has recommended changes in the British obscenity laws in an attempt to contain the tide of filth.

The process began in 1960 with the acquittal of Penguin Books, publishers of "Lady Chat-

terley's Lover," after 35 witnesses had given evidence of its literary merit. A few months later, Mr. John Sparrow, Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, published a screamingly funny article in "Encounter" analysing the novel and showing how the gamekeeper, Mellors, was practising a number of perversions on poor Lady L., a fact which seemed to have escaped the attention of all the good witnesses, innocents to the last headmistress. Anyway, the decision resulted in the pornography pedlars having a field day and there is today hardly a child in England who is not exposed to "hard" pornography in every newspaper and sweetshop. In the trade terms, the filth is directed at "straights" (heterosexuals), juves (paederasts), gays (homosexuals), honks (bondage — after rape of a helpless female), flaj (flagellation), beasts (bestiality) and other categories too numerous to mention.

Actors' revolt

After the 1968 Act "liberating" the theatre, "Oh! Calcutta!" was staged with its simulated copulation, rape, flagellation, fetishism, masturbation and the liberal use of shouted obscenities. This was quickly followed by "The Dirtiest Show in Town" and other productions.

In July 1970, there was a revolt of Equity (the actors' trade union) members against the tactics used in some studios and in some auditions to persuade actors and actresses to take part in orgiastic and exhibitionist scenes. Terming it "moral blackmail," the Assistant Secretary of the Organization, Peter Plouviez, asked that a code of conduct be urgently established and the Theatre's National Committee eventually caved in, agreeing to provide escape clauses in performers' contracts.

During the negotiations, Mr. James Sharkey, manager of a well-known theatrical agency, told of the humiliation of young actresses engaged to play in Ken Russell's "The Devils" who were badly manhandled and terrified. Another witness told of an American director who, in the interests of the new realism, persuaded members of the cast to stab each other, after medical advice as to how the damage might be minimized.

In a 1971 TV interview, the male lead of "The Dirtiest Show in Town" explained he was leaving the cast because he found

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